

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



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The communication between school and parent is vital in reinforcing to students that the school and you, the parent, is a team with the same goal: to support children in reaching their potential.

## WELCOME BACK

Dear Parent or Carer,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

The final Friday of half term saw a shocking 8% drop in attendance when compared with the previous day, Thursday. This is far from ideal and something that we as a school will continue to work with yourselves to ensure that attendance on Friday's and at the end of term remains high.

On a more positive note, the last week saw many of our students carving pumpkins here in school, with some, in many cases, having practiced and honed their skills the night before, ensuring that the final product, was as good as it could be. These are activities that provide those lifelong memories for our young people and ones that we as a school embrace and support wholeheartedly.

This week saw the return of parents' evening and the focus this week was on Year 11. For those parents and carers that attended we saw positive supportive conversations with targets for those students to work towards, as this important year unfolds. I would have hoped to have seen more parents attending this crucial evening for both students and families. This week also saw Year 11 parents meeting Governors, pastoral colleagues and myself, reviewing attendance linked to outcomes. As we always emphasise, attendance is totally linked with examination outcomes and attendance of 90% reduces GCSE outcomes by a grade or more!

I hope that you continue to support all that the school does to encourage activities both in school and beyond so that we continually working together to develop young people in all aspects of their school life.

Have a wonderful weekend when it comes.

Yours faithfully,

Gareth Jones



## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 27TH OCT

Year 7	90.5% down
Year 8	90.7% down
Year 9	88.1% up
Year 10	85.6% up
Year 11	86.5% up

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WEEK ENDING 10TH NOV

Year 7	92.7% up
Year 8	89.6% down
Year 9	87.6% down
Year 10	88.35% up
Year 11	88.3% up

## GATEACRE GREATS

A WEEKLY 'WELL-DONE' TO STUDENTS  
BEING THE BEST THEY CAN BE  
WEEK ENDING 27TH OCT

### Year 7- Alfie McGimpsey

For being a supportive learning buddy during literacy this week, he sat during independent reading and took it upon himself to read aloud to his friend; who struggles to read, could follow the story and become familiar with words he is unable to read currently.

### Year 8- Finlay Moorcroft

For general positive behaviour in Maths, leadership attitude and exemplary behaviour at all times.

### Year 9- Luke Alfonso

Completed above and beyond expectations in our science lesson completing all questions and bonus questions and marking his work brilliantly.

### Year 10- Chloe Bailey

Chloe arranged a time with me to come for extra help in maths. She came after school to my classroom with a self-identified weakness, she displayed a stunning work ethic and got a great amount done! I am really impressed with her. Its a stunning improvement and change in attitude, mindset and work ethic.

### Year 11- Scarlett Owen

Working really hard in Health and Social Care and Business Studies, has an excellent attitude towards learning.

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### Year 7- Harvey Pike

For trying so hard in Drama recently, he has gone the extra mile to focus and work hard.

### Year 8- Finlay Thompson

For his excellent contributions in History.

### Year 9- Ethan McClure

For excellent effort recently and a fantastic score on his quadratic equations end of unit quiz!

### Year 10- Jackson Szymanowski

Excellent effort and progress in English Lit. Well done! -Miss Morgan

### Year 11- Caleb Rugen Foster

For his consistently excellent work ethic in History.

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### The Quality in Careers Standard >>>>

This is to certify that

Gateacre School

Fully meets the national quality award  
for its careers education, information, advice  
and guidance provision.

The award is for a period of 3 years,  
expiring on  
5th October 2026

*Sheila Clark*

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CEO  
Career Connect



Awarded on 5th October 2023 by Career Connect  
as a Licensed Awarding Body  
for the national Quality in Careers Standard.

Gateacre School is proud to have been awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard.

The Quality in Careers Standard is awarded to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school.

The rigorous assessment process evaluated various aspects of the school's careers provision, including leadership and management, personal guidance, employer engagement, and curriculum planning. The school's comprehensive approach to careers guidance showcases its commitment to empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed for success beyond the classroom.

Local businesses and employers have played a vital role in the school's success, with Gateacre fostering strong connections to provide students with real-world insights and experiences. These partnerships have enriched the school's careers programme, giving students a valuable understanding of various industries and potential career paths.

The Quality in Careers Standard award not only reflects the current achievements of Gateacre School but also highlights its dedication to continuous improvement in preparing students for the challenges and opportunities of the future job market.

## REWARDING CAREERS

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## DAY OF THE DEAD

Congratulations to the winners of the y7 Day of the Dead competition, Ella Taylor, Kieran Langford, Matilda Tagliabue and Alex Clews. Well done everyone, the Spanish Department were absolutely blown away with this effort.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th NOV  
The BIG Little Library annual  
BOOK FLOOD

Brand new books and chocolate  
for free 10-4pm (or until we run out!)

8th DEC  
INSET Day

19th DEC  
Christmas Concert

22th DEC  
Break for Christmas

FOLLOW GATEACRE SCHOOL ON

